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I discussed the proposed elimination and/or reduction in grade of the MF positions for both [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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1. [REDACTED] --- I advised Walt that the Office of Finance had sent a memorandum to the DD/M&S regarding <sup>retaining</sup> [REDACTED] as a Class A station on the basis of cost benefit and effectiveness factors. I also acknowledged that the European Division had forwarded a memorandum to the DD/M&S indicating that they were in disagreement with the Office of Finance position. I told him that this matter would not be resolved until such time as Mr. Brownman returned from his TDY. I indicated that if Mr. Brownman should decide in favor of the

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make the position that the station would have to convert to Class B as we would not assign certifying authority to a GS-09. I also indicated that the Office of Finance probably could not quarrel with European Division if they were adamant in their position of eliminating the MF job.

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2. [REDACTED] -- I asked Walt to hold off on any action which would cut the MF position from a Grade 12 to a Grade 09. I indicated to him that we would like to have our day in court with the European Division. My thought on this matter, and what I suggested to Walt, is that we would like to have European Division re-examine their position with a view to staffing the [REDACTED] station with an MF employee in the top job, i.e. GS-13 and to have as an assistant an MF in grade GS-11. In this way the top man would have the opportunity to concentrate on support matters in that the professional behind

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him could perform the full Class A duties including audit of accountings and perhaps certification of travel. In addition, I suggested that the Office of Finance would probably be willing to provide limited certifying authority to the number 2 man as this would obviously help out the station during periods of leave, travel, and so forth.

I told Walt that we would contact European Division and that we would get back to him on the subject. He indicated that he would be on leave for two weeks beginning 30 July and that Mr. [REDACTED] should be contacted in his absence.

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